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MISS LOTTIE BANK
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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.
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DEAREST LOTTIE:

I RECEIVED A LETTER FROM YOU TO-DAY DATED MAR. 3, AND TWO FROM DADDY DATED, BOTH, FEB. 23RD.

THIS MORNING WE WENT ON A MOTOR PATROL, AND DID SOME FIRING THIS AFTERNOON.

IT RAINED ALL DAY.

I NEVER GOT TO SEE THE TWO USO SHOWS HERE AS YET, BECAUSE OF THE RAIN.

GOT A LETTER FROM MORT TO-DAY, WITH A PICTURE OF HIS BABY. SHE SURE IS CUTE.

LOTTIE, I WROTE YOU, MOTHER, DADDY, AND THE SHORTIE TO. SEND ME MY SHAEFFER PEN I LEFT AT HOME.

I HAVE BEEN ASKING FOR IT FOR 1 YEAR EXACTLY. AFTER WAITING 10 MONTHS OF BEING WITHOUT A PEN, I GAVE YOU AN ADDRESS TO SEND THE MONEY TO FOR A GOOD PEN. DID ANY OF MY FAMILY TAKE CARE OF THIS MATTER DURING THE YEAR OF ANXIOUS WAITING? NO! AND DON'T THINK I'M TRYING TO RUSH YOU INTO ANYTHING. DON'T THINK THAT FOR A MOMENT. IT'S JUST THAT I AM WITHOUT A PEN TO WRITE WITH, AM TIRED OF BORROWING ONE, AND HATE TO PAY $25.00 FOR ONE ON BLACK-MARKET OVER HERE. SO I DECIDED I COULD WAIT ANOTHER YEAR, IF NECESSARY, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE VERY

MUCH TOO BUSY NOWADAYS TO LOOK THROUGH THE STUFF I SENT HOME IN THE BUNDLE FROM HOME. SO AFTER MANY MONTHS OF UNDECISION, I RECEIVED THE HAPPY WORD THAT MY PEN WAS ON THE WAY.

I HAD THE WHOLE COMPANY ENTHUSIASTICALLY AWAITING IT'S ARRIVAL. AFTER HEARING SO MUCH FROM ME ABOUT MY FAMILY, THEY KNEW MY FAMILY WOULDN'T THINK OF SENDING ME ANYTHING BUT THE BEST. SO THE GREAT DAY FINALLY CAME. MY PEN IS HERE. ALL THE BOYS CROWDED AROUND TO WATCH ME OPEN IT.

WHAT A LET DOWN! NOT ONLY
A 69¢ PEN, BUT WITH A
POINT SO WIDE IT CAN'T
WRITE WITH IT. SO I WAS
SO DISGUSTED I THREW
IT ON THE GROUND AND
STEPPED ON IT, BREAKING
IT. SO ONCE AGAIN MY
FAMILY LETS ME DOWN ON
MY REQUESTS. BUT THAT'S
O.K., YOU PROBABLY DON'T
NEED ONE, SO DON'T
BOTHER!

Kandell